

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This case has been carefully reviewed and analyzed in view of the Official Action dated 12 January 2005. Responsive to the objections and rejections made in the Official Action, Claims 1, 3 and 4 have been amended to clarify the language thereof and the combination of elements which forms the invention of the subject Patent Application. Additionally, Claim 2 has been cancelled by this Amendment.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to the disclosure due to an informality therein. The Examiner kindly noted a typographical error found on page 3 of the disclosure. Accordingly, the Specification has been amended to correct the informality kindly noted by the Examiner.

In the Official Action, the Examiner objected to Claim 1 due to an informality therein. Claim 1 has been amended to correct the informality found in that claim.

In the Official Action, the Examiner rejected Claim 1 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b), as being anticipated by You, U.S. Patent No. 6,173,724. However, the Examiner kindly indicated that Claims 2 – 5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 2 therein, thereby effectively rewriting Claim 2 in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim (Claim 1) and any intervening claims (which there were none). Claims 3 and 4 have been amended to incorporate the subject matter of Claim 1 therein, thereby placing Claims 3 and 4 in independent form and including all the limitations of the base claim, Claim 1, and any intervening claims, which there were none. Claim 5 is dependent on Claim 4, and therefore is now dependent upon an allowable base claim.

It is now believed that the subject Patent Application has been placed in condition for allowance, and such action is respectfully requested.

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